

A. D. BICKNELL, from the Committee on Roads and Highways, submitted the following report:
MR. SPEAKER :

Your Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred house file No. 294, a bill for an act to open and maintain public highways located on or along township and county lines, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the house with the recommendation that it do pass.

A. D. BICKNELL, *Chairman.*

Ordered passed on file.

HOUSE FILE NO. 294.]

[BY TERRY.]

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO OPEN AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC HIGHWAYS LOCATED ON OR
ALONG TOWNSHIP AND COUNTY LINES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That wherever there
2 is now, or may hereafter be, located a public highway upon or along a township line, in the
3 same or adjoining counties, being wholly or in part in either township or county, but serving
4 the purpose of a "highway on the dividing line," it shall be the duty of the township trustees
5 in such adjoining townships to meet at some point on such highway, notice having been
6 given by one of said boards to the other of the time and place, and after viewing said high-
7 way they shall divide the same into two or more sections or portions, distinctly marking the
8 beginning and ending of each section or portion, and assign to each township such sections or
9 portions as will secure an equitable division of the work of opening and labor and expense
10 from year to year of maintaining said highway.

SEC. 2. Said trustees shall cause a record of their actions provided for in section 1 of this
2 act to be kept in the township clerk's office, and the said clerk shall file in the auditor's
3 office a certified transcript of the same, and said transcript shall become a part of the record
4 of said road or highway, and all responsibility to open, work and maintain, and bridge: and
5 responsibility and liability from accidents by reason of neglect of duty, heretofore resting
6 upon the townships or counties jointly, shall hereafter be upon the townships or counties
7 separately for such sections or portions so assigned to them.